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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 1019

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, NU, PGOV, OAS

SUBJECT: IAHC VISIT TO NICARAGUA

1. FORMIN QUINTANA HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 1 DURING WHICH HE INDICATED IAHC VISIT TO NICARAGUA WAS POSSIBLE.

2. QUINTANA INFORMED POLOFF THAT PRES. SOMOZA HAD AUTHORIZED HIS STATEMENT. QUINTANA SAID NICARAGUA HAD BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED BY IAHC THAT IT WOULD BE ISSUING A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE GON'S REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE. HE SAID IF THE IAHC REPORT WERE AS EXPECTED THE GON WOULD WELCOME IT AND INDICATED WIL- LINGNESS TO ACCEPT AN IAHC VISIT SHOULD THE COMMISSION WISH TO DO SO.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT TIMING, QUINTANA SAID A VISIT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE DURING THE CURRENT DISTURBANCES, JUST AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNFORTUNATE HAD ASST SECY TODMAN NOT CANCELLED HIS VISIT. HE SAID WHILE TENSIONS WERE HIGH PEOPLE WOULD BE TRYING TO TAKE ADVAN- TAGE OF A VISIT BY OUTSIDERS AND FILL THEM WITH DISTORTED INFORMA- CONFIDENTIAL

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4. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW STATUS OF IAHC DELIBERATION ON NICARAGUA'S REPORT. HOWEVER, QUINTANA'S STATEMENT SOUNDS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE IAHC TO MODERATE ITS REACTION IN EX- CHANGE FOR THE GON'S LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN TO A LATER INSPECTION VISIT.

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